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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED TO SPAIN ON EU'S LACKLUSTER  
PROGRESS ON BIOTECH CASE

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¶1. Embassy EconOff delivered reftel demarche to Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade Subdirector General Teresa Zapatero Martinez and to Ministry of Environment Subdirector General for International Relations Amparo Rambla Gil on 11/13/07. AgCouns delivered the demarche to the Ministry of Agriculture's Subdirector General for International Relations, Alicia Villaruiz, on 11/13/07. None of these officials were in a position to provide views on the demarche.

¶2. Comment: We suspect that the Spanish government has not yet had time to discuss this issue. Moreover, given the French and Italian sensitivities described in reftel, presumably this matter will be subject to complex negotiations in Brussels among the Member States.  
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